

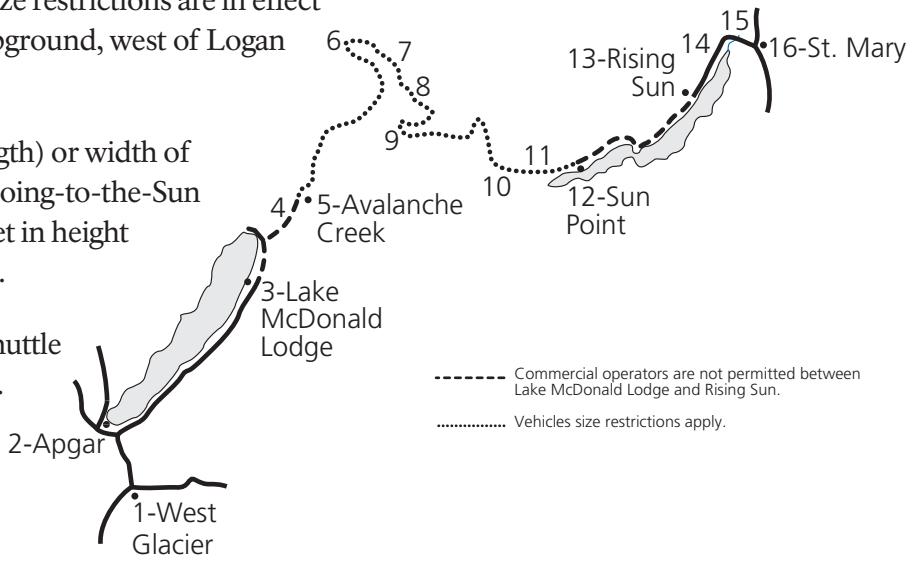


Points of Interest Along Going-to-the-Sun Road

Driving the Going-to-the-Sun Road is a highlight of any park visit. Because of the steep, narrow nature of the road, vehicle size restrictions are in effect on the 24-mile section between Avalanche Campground, west of Logan Pass, and Sun Point on the east side of the pass.

A maximum vehicle length of 21 feet (overall length) or width of eight feet (including mirrors) is allowed on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Due to rock overhangs, vehicles over 10 feet in height may have difficulty driving west from Logan Pass.

Oversized vehicles must use an alternate route. Shuttle service and oversize vehicle parking are available. Recommended parking areas are located at Sun Point and at two locations in Apgar (parking lots: across from Eddie's Campstore and behind the public restroom near the boat dock).



| Approximate miles from: | West Glacier | St. Mary | |
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| 1 - West Glacier | 0.0 | 50.0 | All services available in this community just outside the park. |
| 2 - Apgar | 2.6 | 47.4 | Visitor center, boat dock, all services except gas. |
| 3 - Lake McDonald Lodge | 10.8 | 39.2 | On the shores of Lake McDonald, the lodge is reminiscent of a Swiss chalet with a hunting lodge atmosphere. All services are available except gas. |
| 4 - Upper McDonald Creek Falls | 14.5 | 35.5 | Enjoy a short stroll down wooden stairs to an observation desk for a spectacular view of Upper McDonald Creek Falls. |
| 5 - Trail of the Cedars near Avalanche Campground | 16.2 | 33.8 | This 0.7 mile handicapped accessible trail winds through an old cedar/hemlock forest. Old growth forests provide critical habitat for a variety of wildlife. |
| 6 - The Loop | 24.6 | 25.4 | The Loop affords a scenic view of Heaven's Peak. A strenuous, 4-mile hike to Granite Park Chalet begins here. |
| 7 - Bird Woman Falls Overlook | 26.8 | 23.2 | Across the valley Bird Woman Falls cascades from a hanging valley on the slopes of Mt. Oberlin. Haystack Creek flows under the road directly ahead. |
| 8 - Weeping Wall | 28.7 | 21.3 | Roll up your windows as you pass the Weeping Wall. A gushing waterfall in spring, the flow reduces to a mere trickle in the fall. |
| 9 - Logan Pass | 32.0 | 18.0 | Logan Pass on the Continental Divide is 6,646 feet. Exhibits, publications, and informative programs available at the visitor center. |
| 10 - Jackson Glacier Overlook | 36.1 | 13.9 | This is the best view of a glacier from the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Trailhead for Gunsight Lake and Gunsight Pass. |
| 11 - Sunrift Gorge | 39.4 | 10.6 | A spectacular view of a water-carved gorge is just a short 75 foot walk. Look for water ouzels in the creek. This chunky, slate-grey bird is often sighted along rushing streams, foraging for aquatic insects. |
| 12 - Sun Point | 40.0 | 10.0 | Explore the effects of water, wind, ice, and sunlight on the 1.2 mile Sun Point Nature Trail. Views of Baring Falls and St. Mary Lake are highlights. |
| 13 - Rising Sun | 43.8 | 6.2 | Campground, boat dock, all services available except gas. |
| 14 - Two Dog Flats | 48.0 | 2.0 | This native grassland community provides important habitat for a number of species. Hawks prey upon small mammals while songbirds forage on seeds and insects. Two Dog Flats supplies needed winter range for large elk population. |
| 15 - St. Mary Visitor Center | 49.3 | 0.7 | Exhibits, publications, and informative programs available. |
| 16 - St. Mary | 50.0 | 0.0 | All services available in this community just outside the park. |